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SUMMARY: GUYER APRIL 13 GAVE PHILLIPS STATUS REPORT
ON PRG CONTACTS, CONFIRMING THAT AUBRAC HAD TURNED DOWN
OBSERVER OFFICE. GUYER SAID " FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP"
FOR AID PURPOSES STILL UNDEFINED, PARTICULARLY SINCE PRG
HAS NOT REQUESTED AID. END SUMMARY.

1. AMB. PHILLIPS ASKED GUYER, APRIL 12, FOR STATUS
REPORT ON PRG QUESTION.
2. GUYER, BASING HIS COMMENTS ONLY ON SUMMARY
TELEPHONIC REPORTS FROM AUBRAC (WHO HAS RETURNED TO ROME)
TOLD PHILLIPS THAT PRG REP " DISILLUSIONED" BY WORD THAT
OBSERVER OFFICE IS " NOT POSSIBLE." GUYER SAID ONLY
ISSUE NOW IS THAT OF HUMANITARIAN AID. AUBRAC HAD GIVEN
PRG REP " PIECE OF PAPER" (REPORTED REFTEL B) MAKING CLEAR
THAT PRG MUST INITIATE ACTION BY REQUESTING AID. PRG,
HOWEVER, HAS NOT SUBMITTED ANY SUCH REQUEST, INCLUDING
DURING RECENT PARIS CONTACT.

3. " FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP" FOR AID PURPOSES, GUYER
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SAID, HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ONLY VERY PRELIMINARILY, NOT IN
ANY DETAIL AND NOT LEADING TOWARD ANY CONCLUSIONS. GUYER

EXPLAINED, IN FACT, THAT NOT EVEN ANY LEGAL STUDY HAS BEEN DONE REGARDING " FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP" AND NOTED THAT THIS COULD ONLY BE DEFINED AND ONLY WOULD NEED TO BE DEFINED AFTER PRG REQUESTS AID. GUYER REASSURED PHILLIPS THAT SUCH RELATIONSHIP WOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY FORMAL INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF PRG RELATIONSHIP TO UN.

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7. IN APRIL 8 TV PROGRAM, AUTHORITATIVE CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMMENTOR ZHUKOV REBUTTED SHARPLY WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS LETTERS FROM LISTENERS ASKING WHY THE USSR CANNOT CONTINUE TO GO IT ALONE AS IT HAS DONE IN THE PAST. HE TOLD THEM BLUNTLY THAT US- USSR COOPERATION WAS NECESSARY FOR " LIFE" (PROZHITIYE) UNDER PRESENT- DAY CONDITIONS OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION. RECALLING HOW SOVIET LECTURE AUDIENCE LAST YEAR ASKED ANXIOUSLY ABOUT IMPLICATION OF " JOINT PROJECT" FOR SOVIET SOVEREIGNTY, WE ARE STRUCK BY APPARENT EFFORT OF SOVIET BANKER MAKEYEV TO JUSTIFY ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS, IN ABOVE CITED INTERVIEW: " I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR RIGHT AWAY THAT GRANTING OF CREDITS IS A COMMON- PLACE, GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN CONDUCTING TRADE..." AT LEAST IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF SOME SOVIET OFFICIALS QUESTIONED SHARP BREAK WITH PAST AUTARKIC POLICY AND RISKS OF DEPENDENCE ON THE " CLASS ENEMY." IT WAS INTERESTING THAT ALKHIMOV, IN HIS LONG EXPLANATION OF US- SOVIET CREDIT ARRANGMENTS, NOTED THAT THE CREDITS FOR KAMA WERE FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, ADDING REASSURINGLY THAT " WHEN SUCH LONG- TERM AGREEMENT ARE SIGNED, THEN BOTH SIDES ARE THINKING ABOUT PEACEFUL MUTUALLY PROFITABLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION OVER THE LONG TERM, WHICH WILL LEAD... TO RAISING LIVING STANDARDS IN BOTH COUNTRIES."

8. WE HAVE HEARD FROM AN EAST EUROPEAN SOURCE THAT THERE WILL, IN FACT, BE A PLENUM THIS MONTH AND THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE POTENTIALLY LOADED ONE OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION. WE CAN ENVISAGE BREZHNEV USING SUCH A DISCUSSION AS SPRINGBOARD FOR ARGUING NEED FOR SOVIET EFFORTS TO CLOSE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP AND SPECIFICALLY IN THAT CONNECTION FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH U. S., FRG, AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD MEANS OF COUNTERING THOSE WHO MIGHT SEEK TO LIMIT HIS FREEDOM OF ACTION IN ADVANCE OF HIS VISITS TO BONN AND WASHINGTON. (WE WILL TREAT RUMORED PLENUM IN GREATER DETAIL IN SEPTEL).

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